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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners: Robert G. Taub, Chairman;

Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;

Mark Acton; and Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 2 (MC2013-51) Negotiated Service Agreements Docket No. CP2017-186

ORDER APPROVING MODIFICATION TWO TO GLOBAL RESELLER EXPEDITED PACKAGE SERVICES 2 NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

(Issued February 23, 2018)

I. INTRODUCTION

The Postal Service seeks to modify a Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 2 negotiated service agreement.¹ For the reasons discussed below, the Commission approves the Modification.

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification Two to Global Reseller Expedited Package 2 Negotiated Service Agreement and Agreement on Assignment, February 21, 2018 (Notice). The modification is an attachment to the Notice (Modification).

In Order No. 3912, the Commission approved the Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 2 negotiated service agreement (Existing Agreement).² On February 21, 2018, the Postal Service filed notice that it has agreed to the Modification to the Existing Agreement.

II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Commission has reviewed the Notice and the accompanying materials filed under seal.

Cost considerations. The Commission reviews competitive product prices to ensure that each product covers its attributable costs, does not cause market dominant products to subsidize competitive products, and contributes to the Postal Service's institutional costs. 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a); 39 C.F.R. §§ 3015.5 and 3015.7. As long as the revenue generated by the product exceeds its attributable costs, the product is unlikely to reduce the contribution of competitive products as a whole or to adversely affect the ability of competitive products as a whole to contribute an appropriate share of institutional costs. In other words, if a product covers its attributable costs, it is likely to comply with 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a).

The Modification incorporates the terms of an agreement on assignment between the Postal Service, the current contract partner, and the assignee.³ The assignment transfers all rights, obligations, and liabilities from the current contract partner to the assignee. *Id.* Attachment 2 at 1-2.

The Modification does not materially affect the underlying financial analysis of the Existing Agreement. Thus, the Commission finds that the Existing Agreement, as

² Order Approving Additional Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 2 Negotiated Service Agreement, May 23, 2017 (Order No. 3912). The contract was later modified. See Order Approving Modification One to Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 2 Negotiated Service Agreement, September 22, 2017 (Order No. 4117).

³ Notice, Attachment 1 at 1; see also id. Attachment 2.

modified, comports with the provisions applicable to rates for competitive products in 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a) and 39 C.F.R. § 3015.7.

Other considerations. If the Existing Agreement, as modified, is terminated prior to the scheduled expiration date, the Postal Service shall promptly notify the Commission.

In conclusion, the Commission approves the Existing Agreement, as modified.

III. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

It is ordered:

- 1. The Commission approves the Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 2 negotiated service agreement, as modified.
- 2. The Postal Service shall notify the Commission if the Existing Agreement, as modified, terminates prior to the scheduled expiration date.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble Secretary